



## **First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – November 30, 2015**

### **FirstNet News**

- Last week, FirstNet participated in the New England Council for EMS Annual Conference, a Swedish Government Forum on Public Safety Broadband and a Minnesota Public Safety Wireless Broadband Exercise.
- This week, FirstNet is participating in the Ninth Canadian Public Safety Interoperability Workshop (CITIG 9) in Toronto. In preparation for CITIG 9, FirstNet worked with its partners from Canada and state and local governments to develop the following video on the importance of coordination between the two countries on public safety communications at the Northern border <https://youtu.be/AoI2M5WEoxo>. Thanks to Niagara County Sheriff Jim Voutour, Matt Leveque from Alaska, and CITIG leaders Eric Torunski and Michael Sullivan for participating in it.
- In addition, FirstNet will be participating in the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance meeting, a National Association of Emergency Management Technicians (NAEMT) Affiliate Advisory Council conference call, a California First Responder Network (CalFRN) Board meeting, the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division Advisory Policy Board Conference, a meeting with Iowa Governor Branstad, a New Jersey State Association Chiefs of Police meeting, a California Police Chiefs Association Board of Directors meeting, an Alameda County Sheriffs' Office briefing, and a Florida FirstNet Governance Board meeting. Additional events and details are available under the newsroom tab on our [website](#).
- The 2016 consultation package is being finalized and, as discussed, will be sent to SPOCs in December. The Regional Leads will be in touch soon afterwards to schedule a kickoff meeting.
- The FirstNet Board meetings will be in Houston on December 8-9. For additional meeting details, including how to register for in-person attendance, visit <http://www.firstnet.gov/content/firstnet-board-meeting-december-8-9-2015>. The agenda and webcast of the meetings will be posted on the [FirstNet website](#).
- The PSAC meeting will follow the Board meeting on December 9-10; a portion of the December 9 meeting will be open to the public and webcast. Details on how to register for in-person attendance may be found in our [November 25 blog](#).

### **News from the PSAC, States and Territories**

- The Washington State OneNet team recently participated in two significant events: 1) the Washington Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) Fall Conference, during which team members attended a tribal chiefs meeting and provided updates about the current status of FirstNet; and 2) a briefing of two committees (the Public Safety Committee and the General Government and Information Technology Committee) of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington Legislature.

## **Media Watch**

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### *Traditional Media*

Media coverage last week included stories on FirstNet's work on Bring Your Own Devices, which we featured in a blog post. In addition, there were stories on local efforts to plan for FirstNet.

### **Fierce Wireless: FirstNet Starts To Develop BYOD Policy For Devices On Public Safety Network**

<http://www.fiercewireless.com/story/firstnet-starts-develop-byod-policy-devices-public-safety-network/2015-11-24>

FirstNet said it is taking steps to develop and implement an effective bring-your-own device (BYOD) policy for the nationwide public safety broadband network it is building.

### **St. Cloud Times-MN: 1st Responders Test Wireless Network In Elk River**

<http://www.sctimes.com/story/news/local/2015/11/24/1st-responders-test-wireless-network-elk-river/76304220/>

Sharing information among responders and agencies is critical during major events, said John Cunningham, Elk River's fire chief and co-organizer of Tuesday's exercises...Creating a separate network is "the elevator pitch" supporting the ongoing work to implement the First Responder Network Authority, or FirstNet, said Brandon Abley.

### **Radio Resource/Mission Critical: Colorado Parks and Wildlife Implements Temporary LTE Network for Hunting, Fishing Check Station**

<http://www.mccmag.com/Features/FeaturesDetails/FID/618>

During a real-world, 36-hour public safety Long Term Evolution (LTE) LAN project last month, Colorado Parks and Wildlife set up check stations along Interstate-70, a major highway through the state's mountain corridor, to electronically gather law enforcement and biological data...."The network saved us a lot of time after the fact," said Eric Harper, criminal investigator, Colorado Parks and Wildlife...Harper learned about the state's public-safety LTE work through various First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) meetings he had attended in the state.

### **Urgent Communications: Los Angeles City, County Wrestle Over Federal Grant Money Earmarked For LA-RICS P25 System**

<http://urgentcomm.com/funding/los-angeles-city-county-wrestle-over-federal-grant-money-earmarked-la-rics-p25-system>

The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) has an "unplanned funding gap" in its budget after the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Approval Authority retroactively pulled \$11 million in UASI 2011 grant funds from LA-

RICS—allegedly on a recommendation from the office of Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti, according to a letter from the Los Angeles County board of supervisor to Garcetti's office.... The ICIS network operate[s] on T-Band spectrum, which must be vacated by public-safety licensees by 2022 under the law passed by Congress that created FirstNet.

### **RCR Wireless News: LTE North America: 6 Key Takeaways From The Show**

<http://www.rcrwireless.com/20151124/network-infrastructure/lte/lte-north-america-6-key-takeaways-tag6>

6. On the public safety track, it was clear 2016 could prove to be a pivotal year for the First Responder[]Network Authority and its nationwide FirstNet network for public safety users.

### *Web and Social Media*

FirstNet was active on social media last week. Twitter now has 2,917 followers; LinkedIn now has 1,129 users; YouTube has 174 subscribers and Google+ remains at 58 users. Last week, we posted a blog entry from the FirstNet CTO Devices Group: [Bring Your Own Device \(BYOD\) to the NPSBN](#), which garnered significant attention in traditional and social media outlets. All blog posts can also be accessed through <http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>.